



## NOTES

Region 32 Family Council Meeting

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Date & Time August 28, 2023, 6:00-7:30 pm

Members Present: Jazmine Mancha, Alison Chandler, Teage Drinnon, Brenda Mohr, Hailey Siegel, Cheme Williams, Sarah Gowler, Natasha Ashford, Ali Denault, Tahlia Guimond

- 6:00 Welcome, Permission to Record, Review Community Agreements
- Kennilyn welcomed the Council and permission was granted to record.
  - The Council was reminded of the Google Drive with the documents needed for the Family Council.

- 6:15 Next Steps
- Kennilyn informed the Family Council of the upcoming Town Halls where are sharing the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment findings.
    - Past meetings: Our team shared information at the August Watseka School Board meeting, Iroquois Economic Development Board meeting, and Success by Six Committee meeting.
    - Upcoming meetings: Virtual Town Hall 8/29, NAACP Town Hall 9/8, and Jim Rowe's Town Hall 9/21.

### Onboard New Members

- Kennilyn asked if any of the Council members were comfortable with onboarding any new Family Council members we receive in September.

### Guest Speakers @ Meetings

- Guest speakers will be invited to upcoming Family Council meetings.
- Kennilyn asked the Council to think of any speakers they would like to hear from.
  - A Council member recommended Cornerstone Services.

### Community Happenings

- Kennilyn asked the Family Council to think of any events or current happenings locally they would like to share. This will be a regular addition to Council meetings.

- 6:21 Year 2 Discussion
- Year 2 will begin with September's meeting.
  - Kennilyn talked about our Year 2 meeting format and goals.
    - Birth to Five Illinois wants to empower our Family Council members by co-facilitating meetings, if interested.
    - Meeting formats will tentatively be 1 Action Council meeting, 1 Family Council meeting, and 1 Combination meeting a month.

- 6:36 Updates
- Kennilyn reminded the Council members to share their stories on our website and if they know of anyone to recommend, they share their story as well. We currently do not have any stories shared for our Region.
  - Liz gave an Action Council update where she shared that we are hoping to add two more members to both Action and Family Council.
  - A new, updated, schedule will be shared at the September meeting after Kennilyn gives a survey for the best meeting time.

7:10 Q&A/Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD